

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun. Feb 11** - Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 1Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk 1:40-45

**Mon. Feb 12** - Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 Mk 8:11-13

**Tues. Feb 13** - Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 Mk 8:14-21

**Ash Wednesday Feb 14 - Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 & 17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18**

**Thurs. Feb 15** - Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 Lk 9:22-25

**Fri. Feb 16** - Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15

**Sat. Feb 17** - Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 5:27-32 or Rom 8:26-30 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 Mt 19:27-29



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018 9:00 a.m.**

**Monday Feb. 12, 2018 NO MASS**

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 6:00 p.m.

**Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, 6:00 p.m.**

Thursday, Feb. 15, 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Service**

Saturday, Feb. 2018  
3:20 - 3:55 Reconciliation  
4:00 p.m. Mass

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you/your love ones, or any deceased person. Speak with the Pastor or call the office to schedule your mass intention).

**February Birthday List**

Happy Birthday to:

Diane Hebert 1  
Albert Thibodeaux 1  
Ryland Blackwell 3  
Santina Robertson 5  
Stacy Johnson 5  
Gerald Richard 6  
Jada Semien 9  
Ralph Wilkes 11  
Athena Jefferson 13  
Italia Green 14  
Leo Jackson 18  
Ryasian Daughtery 22  
Ariel Anderson 27

Happy Anniversary

Albert & Phyllis Thibodeaux 6th

**MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND**

HOSPITALITY

Saturday: Rose Davis, Walter Davis, Brenda Mims, Shirley Allison

Sunday: Staci Powers, Sonja Popillion, Veronica Bradford, Horace Broussard

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Leo Jackson  
L: Phyllis Thibodeaux & Gary Mims

Sunday: A: Wayne Sparrow  
L: Horace Broussard & Eva Platt

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: Reagan Pitre William Pitre  
Sunday: D'Ana Williams

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Gail Jefferson & Russell Bottley  
Sunday: Freda Guillory & Dorothy Broussard

**\*\*\*Tax Letters\*\*\***

Contribution letters have been prepared for everyone. Because the content of these letters is personal, please call the parish office to pick up or have your letter mailed.

**COORNATORS OF MINISTRIES**

**Bishop Faith Appeal** - Robert Gobert

**Bereavement Committee** - Rose Bottley

**Donut Sunday's** - Freda Guillory\*  
Donuts and coffee in the Education Building 1st, 3rd & 4th Sunday of each month.

**Extraordinary Minister of Communion** - Shirley Ray

**Finance** - Andre' Robertson \* finance meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of each month.

**Fund Rising** - Walter Davis

**Hospitality/Ushers** - Rose Davis

**Lectors** - Gary Mims

**Life Center** - Adam Jacobs

**Plumbing** - Joe Fontenot

**Mission & Retreat** - Cecilia Davis

**Music Director** - George Alexander \*  
choir rehearsal's are every Tuesday at 6:30 pm

**Pastoral Council** meetings held every 3rd Wednesday of each month.

**Socials** - Knights of Peter Clever & Ladies Auxiliary \* Parish Luncheon, the second Sunday of each month.

**Youth** - Felicia Richard

**Stewardship**-Wayne Sparrow

**1st Friday of each month Fr. Donatus has 11 am Mass at Orange Villa located on 3rd Street. There will be NO evening Mass that day, adoration only, everyone is invited to come.**

Attendance

**Saturday: 30 Sunday: 47**

Weekend Collection

Mail In \$ 62.00  
Loose \$ 56.10  
Saturday \$ 355.00  
Sunday \$1,021.00

**Total Deposit \$ 1,494.10**

**Expenses:**

**St. Therese Catholic Church**

Served by The Missionary Society of St. Paul from Nigeria since 2000

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Deacon Julian Richard (409) 221-2743  
Deacon Hazen Kenney (512) 791-0847

Office Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday  
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 11, 2018**

**“Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said ‘Be made clean,’”**

**Eucharistic Celebration**

**Weekends:**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. & Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

**Reconciliation**

Saturdays: 3:20 p.m. 3:55 p.m.

**Infant Baptism:**

Please contact the pastor two (2) months in advance

**Weekdays:**

Tuesday-Friday 6:00 p.m.

**Adoration & Benediction**

1st Friday each month 5p.m.-6:30p.m.

**Marriage:**

Please call Rectory six (6) months prior to proposed date

**SECRETARY**

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Richard Scott, Chairman 779-7587  
Rose Davis, Vice Chairman 883-0762  
Steven Allison, Secretary 313-0586  
Cecilia Davis 920-1136  
Rose Bottley 886-1525  
Charlis D. Rogers 988-8719  
Adam Jacobs 883-9688  
Albert Hebert III 746-2627

**MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS**

Joe Ware 886-5331

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Sanja Popillion (409) 670-0808

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

Andre Robertson 882-0012  
Robert Gobert (504) 232-5640  
Sheila Arnold 313-2062  
Janice Semien 883-7126  
Tina Kindle 238-4447

# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## The Pain of Isolation

When Winston was five years old, he was diagnosed with tuberculosis. In the early 1950s many young children with this disease were taken from their families and placed in a quarantine hospital. By today's standards of parenting, that's a frightening thought. Experts now tell us how important the early formative years are. Quarantined children surely must have felt isolated and frightened. Parents must have felt robbed. Lepers and their families must have experienced similar feelings in the severe isolation that was brought about by their disease.

**FIRST READING: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11**  
**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1    GOSPEL: Mark 1:40-45**

## Comment

The law described in Leviticus is harsh. The Israelites were not only frightened of the dreaded contagious disease of leprosy, but fresh in their memories was the plague of boils God sent the Egyptians and their livestock. They knew God sent the plagues because Pharaoh opposed God's will. They feared the same would happen to them if they did not obey God's law. At the time of this law, the people perceived a close connection between sickness and sin. If someone contracted this deadly disease, it must have been because they or their parents had sinned. So great was the people's ignorance about leprosy that they quarantined people who had any sort of skin disease. If by chance the victim was cured, he or she had to appear before a priest. If the priest agreed that the person was healed he or she could return to the community.

It is his observance of this law that endeared Jesus to many people the day he cured the leper. Kneeling and beseeching, the leper came to find Jesus. So strong was the man's faith, so desperate his situation, so hopeless his isolation, that he risked breaking the law to come into the midst of the people. Jesus was so moved to compassion that he proceeded to do things that would bring him some wanted and unwanted notice. First Jesus cured the leper. He had the power to defeat the disease. He had a divine power by which he could show others God's love. But not everyone was ready to know this love. Jesus knew there would be problems with careless stories of healings and miracles, so he asked the leper to go quietly among the crowd and show himself to a priest. Jesus respected the law described in Leviticus and encouraged the leper to carry it out. It was important to the community that the man be declared clean and return to a normal life among the people. The healed leper did not, however, go about this quietly. In his grateful excitement, he told everyone he met about this awesome man Jesus. What Jesus feared had now come to be. He could no longer walk openly into a city. Nevertheless, many people that day came to believe in him.

## Reflection

One of the greatest fears we have about many diseases today is the fact that there is no remedy and little treatment. It's a fear not unknown to those (and their loved ones) who suffer from AIDS, cancer, cystic fibrosis, and tuberculosis. People in Jesus' day did not know when leprosy would strike. They weren't even sure what skin diseases were truly leprosy so they lumped them all together. They only knew the ugliness and contagiousness of the disease.

It's what we do with our fears that challenges and defines us. Fear of the unknown can paralyze us in thought and action. We become stuck in our ignorance and either avoid the truth or disguise it in some way. Jesus allows us to become "unstuck."

He went directly to the leper who begged for healing. We, too, beg for healing. Through the sacrament of reconciliation, Jesus Christ heals in us the things that separate us from him. When we celebrate Eucharist, we are gathered and reaffirmed in the community of believers. Jesus Christ gives us the healing power of salvation. Over and over we have seen what the power of Christ and his love can do. We only need the heart to be healed and purified. This seems easy enough until the moment we are faced with the temptation to give in to our weakness. Like the leper, we need to recognize our sinfulness, seek help for its cure, and turn away from that which infects us. Jesus is there waiting for us.

### PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

John Abram  
 Mary Brown  
 Mary Crossley  
 David Jayce Carey  
 Courtney Chavis  
 Therese Ferguson  
 Hollis Fain  
 Joe B. Forward  
 Theresa Garrett  
 Ella Mae Garrett  
 Anna Garrick  
 Beatrice Guillory  
 Mark Mitchell Jr.  
 James Mims  
 Westley Popillion  
 John Richard, Sr.  
 Alma G Thibodeaux  
 Alma C Thibodeaux



### PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Arceneaux  
 Mable Durio  
 Alberta Fontenot  
 Frances Freeman  
 Debra Glaude  
 Margaret Green  
 Peggy Green  
 Myrtle Guillory  
 Marvin Hampton  
 Rena Mae Jenkins  
 Celestine Johnson  
 Calvin Johnson  
 Stacy Johnson  
 Rose Lee Johnson  
 Lakeisha Guidry-Jones  
 Leothus Jones  
 John Milton  
 Ruby Milton  
 Bettye Odom  
 Clayona Pilette  
 Doris Robertson  
 Brushelle Scott  
 Richard Sco  
 Robert Simmons  
 Joe Ware

### \*\*\*The Conversion Experience\*\*\*

February is Black History Month and each weekend we will have a speaker from our parish to speak at every mass. However, gladly we announce that St. Therese will be closing out the month with "Conversion Experience" In general, conversion to Christian Faith primarily involves repentance from sin and a decision to live a life that is holy and acceptable to God through faith, NOT just black history but OUR history. How exciting would it be to share personal conversion through communicating with fellowship among believers, and spread openly evangelistic outreach within our communities? Pastors from other churches as well as Fr. Donatus will speak to their own conversion for this program. The program will be held on February 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Life Center. The festivities will have speakers, music and a light meal. Please come out and help support this event.

### St. Francis of Assisi & ACTS Core Team present Damon West

Sunday February 11, 2018 2pm-4pm St. Francis of Assisi San Damiano Hal

St. Francis invites everyone for this spirit filled afternoon with guest speaker Damon West, This event is not just for the ACTS community; all parishioners, family, friends, and kids are welcome to attend. Cookies and punch will be served. For more information please contact: Sherry Hommel St Francis 409-779-9129

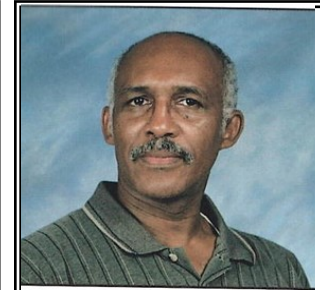
### \*\*\*Free Tax Assistance\*\*\*

**Catholic Charities of SETX  
 Central Service Facility  
 2780 Eastex Freeway Beaumont  
 Phone: 409-924-4424**

is offering free tax preparation services for moderate to low income families who qualify. You are eligible if you earn up to \$54,000.00 per year.

Monday\* (5 pm - 7:30 pm)

Feb. 12, 19 & 26    March 5, 12, 19 & 26  
 April 9 & 16



**Mr. Leo Jackson** - a long life member of St. Therese will be the first of many speakers this month. Mr. Jackson will begin Saturday Feb. 10, and Sunday, Feb. 11, at both masses on the history of how St

Therese was formed and founded. Our hope is to share our faith history as well as our own personal stories. We believe that everyone's contribution is great, and we look forward to hearing all the speakers.

### \*\*\*Fish Dinners\*\*\*

With Lent approaching that also means it's time for our wonderful fish/seafood dinners!

Our parish Fundraising Committee will need your help with donations of any kind, some may buy dinners, purchase items, or help making delivers. Below you will find a list of our menu for those who want to purchase accordingly.

**Fried or Grilled Fish**  
**Seasoned Rice      Potato Salad**  
**Green Beans      Sliced Cake & Bread**

The cost of the dinners will be \$8.00 beginning Friday, February 16, 2018 until Friday, March 23, 2018 from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm in the St. Therese Life Center. Thank you in advance for serving in what-

### NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. THERESE—THE LITTLE FLOWER

St. Therese, beloved friend, you promised to spend your time in heaven doing good upon the earth. WE come before you in our need. We believe that you listen to us and approach God for and with us. You are love in the heart of the God. Please accept these petitions, hopes, needs and dreams that I list below (pause).

Please present them to our loving Father so that God may do what is best for us, for our loved ones, and for the fulfillment of God's Kingdom. Continue your shower of roses in our lives. We ask you, dear friend with the bold confidence and loving care. We make this prayerful petition in the name of Jesus and through the power of his Spirit. **AMEN.**

### \*\*\*Important\*\*\*

Ash Wednesday is this coming week. There will be two masses, the first at 7:00 a.m. and the second at 6:00 p.m. Anyone that has their palms from last year please drop them at the church Monday or Tuesday. These are the palms that will be used for ashes on Wednesday.

To all our sick and homebound THANK YOU so much for your unwavering commitment and contributions to our parish. To better serve everyone Fr. Donatus is available to visit ALL parishioners at the appointed time. And has reserved every other Friday for the homebound. However, Fr. Donatus will resume home visits when he returns from vacation.